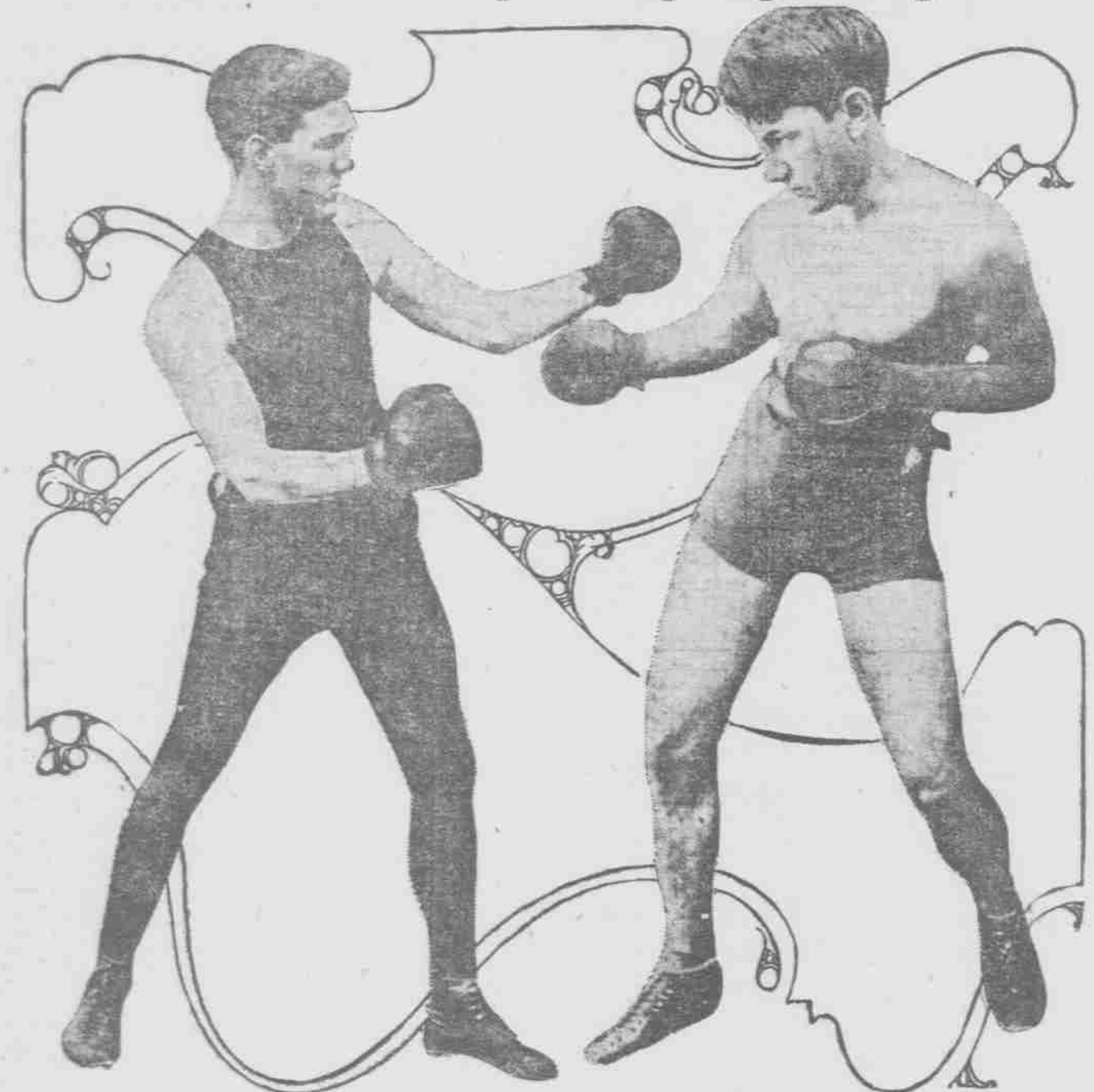


Contestants In Championship Lightweight Bout



Tommy Murphy at the left and Willie Ritchie at the right. The photograph shows how Willie Ritchie, the present holder of the lightweight boxing championship title, and Tommy Murphy will look when they meet in the ring at San Francisco on December 10. Ritchie and Murphy have never met in the squared circle, and the picture shows the fighting pose of each.

Heavyweights Are Again In Favor With New York Fans

Carl Morris and Jess Willard Scheduled to Battle Tuesday Night—Coffroth Makes Liberal Offers to Settle Mid-weight Dispute.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Fanny how frequently public taste changes. Same in sports as in everything else. Take boxing for example. A short while back promoters in this city couldn't afford to do business with the heavyweights; it was unprofitable to put two big fellows on as the leading feature of a show. The lightweight and other smaller classes had the call with the matchmakers. Now the cards have been shifted. The heavies are again in favor with the fans, who are clamoring for more bouts between big men. To satisfy the latest public demand the larger clubs are offering inducements to bring the classiest of the white heavyweights to this city, and with fair success as may be noted in the advance bulletins issued by the promoters. More matches between big fellows are scheduled right now than at any time before in the history of boxing in New York. This big town—with its several boroughs—supports something like 25 clubs and a glance at the matches "on the fire" for the next few weeks show the heavier in the lead over all other classes.

Remo Affair a Handicap. Until that Remo thing three years or so ago the heavies had always maintained a comfortable lead in the race for popularity, but the disappointing result of that sad affair, and the subsequent fruitless efforts of numberless "white hopes" to show anything like the form demanded of first class fighting men turned the tide in favor of the lighter classes. In the smaller divisions a boxing fan can generally be sure of fast and scientific action which is not so much a part of encounters between big men. Still there is an attractiveness about a match between heavies which is lacking in a contest of little fellows, no matter how expert the latter may be. Another thing the change in the system of governing matches—that of limiting them to six or eight rounds and prohibiting referees' decisions—has against the continued popularity of little fellows and is seldom in a bout of such short duration that there is a decisive ending. Two small men are pretty nearly a safe bet to go the ten rounds 19 times out of 20 and when big men clash it is not any cinch a bout will go the limit, and say what you will the average fan

likes a decisive finish. Under the present system in New York and other states where official decisions are not rendered a decisive battle is undeniably popular.

If referees' decisions were permitted I think it would tend to lessen the desire for knockout finishes. Most fans would be satisfied if the fight were over on their feet at the end of a bout if the referee was allowed to name the winner, and in my mind the rules prohibiting such official action generates a desire in the public mind for knockouts.

The more important heavyweight matches arranged for the entertainment of local fans are the Carl Morris-Jess Willard bout at Madison Square Garden next Tuesday night which matchmaker Billy Gibson says will positively take place; the Jack Lester-Jim Coffroth match at the Fairmount A. C. on Friday and the "come back" fight of "Fireman" Jim Flynn in a bout with "Battling" Levinsky at the Atlantic Garden Tuesday week.

Giving this layout the once over it will be observed that most of the "hopes" are here on the job. With the exception of the "Gunboat" Smith beat Sam Langford on the level. I wonder what Smith would have to do to Langford to convince the doubters he is the better man. Had he put Sam away the same fellows would have claimed that the negro laid down.

The truth of the matter is that Langford was not in shape to show at his best; also that "Gunboat" Smith has graduated from the sucker class in pugilism. It is a case where one man was overrated and the other fellow underrated. Langford is not the man he was before he took that Australian trip. He had gone back or I am no judge.

I am not claiming that Smith can beat Langford if the latter is properly trained. But I doubt very much if Sam will ever again be a terror. If he was a few years ago, in the recent match with Joe Jeannette, he fought a very bad battle. His judgment of distance was miserable and no time did he resemble the great fighter fans knew in the past. Of course, he was fat and all that, but a fat man can fight a round or two at a pretty good lick when pressed, and Sam failed to show even a flash of his old form.

Anyway it is not fair to the "Gunboat" to insinuate that he stayed the 12 rounds and earned the referee's decision simply because Sam "allowed" him to do so. The probability is Smith stuck the distance without purpose from the negro and strictly on his ability.

Jim Coffroth will try to accomplish what other matchmakers have failed to do—promote a middleweight elimination tournament to decide the championship of that class. With that object in view Coffroth is offering inducements to the leading aspirants for the title, including George Chip, Mike Gibbons, Frank Klaus and Jack Dillon and if his plans are not miscarried an undisputed champion may be developed within the next few months. Jimmy Clabby is already on the ground and ready to take on all comers as fast as they arrive.

While other promoters have fallen down on similar projects Coffroth may succeed. He is the most capable man in the fight promotion line today, and generally goes through with anything he undertakes. From salesmen I have received from people closely associated with "Sunny Jim" I understand his offers are so liberal that only lack of ambition or fear of defeat on the part of those invited will keep them from entering the tourney.

I am told Frank Klaus plans a trip abroad where the pickings have been pretty soft for him in the past. But I imagine that if Chip or the proposed tournament nothing short of an earthquake would keep Frank from making the trip to the coast to try to even up matters with his rival. Of Chip's plans nobody seems to know a thing. Jimmy Dime, the old time boxer who looks after his affairs, says Chip is willing to meet anyone in the division, but I know that he refused to consider a proposition to box Mike Gibbons at the middleweight limit of 158. Is Chip another of those light heavies who have been masquerading as middleweights the past few years? Looks that way else he would not have insisted on a higher scale for the Gibbons match.

Drop Kicks Alone Decide the Titles

Elimination of the "Push and Pull" From Football Has Reduced Touchdowns to Secondary Importance.
By JOHN E. WRAY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 29.—One of the notable points of the eastern football championship season, was the fact that in the trio of big games needed to decide the issue as between Yale, Harvard and Princeton, not a single touchdown was scored. Field goals figured in the scoring of each team against the opposition. Only once was a concerted effort to ram home a tally by the good old fashioned route made and that was when Yale, with the ball on Princeton's five yard line, failed to get across on three snafus and a forward pass.

Long Run a Forlorn Hope. All other efforts to slip a man across the enemy's line for a score were based on attempts to get a runner clear of the opposing team's secondary defense for a long dash. It was such a play by Alnsworth that

brought Yale to the five yard mark. Forward Pass Too Hazardous. Yale demonstrated that it is practically impossible to puncture a good defense when the resisting side is backed up to its own goal line. It has also been shown that the outlet designed to open up the defense, the forward pass across the goal line, is too risky.

As a result the field goal is now the popular scoring factor.

If the touchdown is ever to be given its former importance the privilege of assisting the runner with the hands will have to be restored to members of the attacking team.

As the "push and pull" was esteemed the principal cause of the big injury list that formerly featured football, the chances are that the touchdown has been permanently reduced to secondary importance, in big games.

RESULTS AT JUAREZ IN FRIDAY'S RACES

First race, five and one half furlongs, maiden two-year-olds fillies, purse \$300. Kinata, 1st. (Wooden), 19, won. Kisland, 10th. (Van Dusen), 1, second. Ya-Hi-Yip, (Matts), 2, third. Time .22. Ana C. D., Best Be, Maid of Norfolk, Jessie Simpson ran.

Second race, six furlongs, selling, three-year-olds, purse \$400. Jewel of Asia, 1st. (Clever), 2, won. Dynamo, 10th. (F. Moore), 5-5 second. Anna Reed, 10th. (W. W. Taylor), 4, third. Time .22. Cordie F., John Hurie, Swiftsure ran.

Third race, five and one half furlongs, selling, colts and geldings two-year-olds, purse \$400. Bird Man, 9th. (Sevlon), 15, won. Sir Harry, 10th. (Robbins), 3-2 second. Old Gitch, 10th. (Horsman), 20, third. Time .22.3-5. Ortyx, Col. McDougall, Round Up, Coos, Transac ran.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, three-year-olds and up, purse \$400. Cousin Puss, 10th. (Van Dusen), 2, won. Meadow, 11th. (Groth), 4-5 second. Just Red, 10th. (Woods), 2, third. Time .24-1-2. Voladay, Jr. ran.

Fifth race, five and one half furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up, value \$400. Congrove, 10th. (Ester), 2, won. Russell McGill, 10th. (Gross), 7, second. Dominick, 10th. (Gross), 3-4 third. Time .23. Herpes, Jimmie McGill, New Haven, Ethelda, Song of Rock ran.

Sixth race, one mile, selling, three-year-olds and up, value \$400. Ben Uncas, 11th. (Matthews), 10, won. Jack Larson, 10th. (Gentry), 4, second. Swede Sam, 10th. (O'Brien), 5, third. Time .23. Judge Walton, Ocean Queen, Frieze, Winkling, By, Ransom, Kennon, Sleepand, Bake, Horicon ran.

BROOKES TO TRY TO WIN THE DAVIS CUP

London, Eng., Nov. 29.—Norman Brookes, the great Australian tennis player, who had not been in first-class tennis since his defeat by James D. Parke in the last Davis cup competition in Australia, has decided to return and will play in the tournament on the Riviera this winter. If all goes well with him he will make another attempt to win the all-English championship next year.

PITCHER ELI CATES HAS HAND CRUSHED

Greens Fork, Ind., Nov. 28.—Eli Cates, pitcher of the Indianapolis Federal league team, lost his pitching hand in a corn shredded yesterday. The accident occurred on the farm of Cates's uncle, near here.

TINKER MAY JOIN THE CHICAGO CUBS

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29.—Joe Tinker, doorman manager of the Cincinnati team, called on manager Evers of the Chicago team, and after a conference said he knew of no place he would rather play than in Chicago. No terms were discussed by the men, and until president Murphy returns, negotia-

Herzog Started Baker on Way to Fame

Home Run Swatter Says His First Salary of \$5 a Week Sounded Like a Million.

J. FRANKLIN BAKER, the Trappe, Md., baseball product, who, in the recent fall classic, upheld his name of a home-run hitter, probably owes his ability and present position in the pastime to a string of most peculiar coincidences.

The strangest part of his advent into professional baseball and his early development is that it was one of the Giants, "Charles" Herzog, who virtually discovered him and guided him in his early training. It was also Herzog who made a third baseman out of him.

Baker's story follows: "Charles" Herzog of the Giants it was who virtually discovered me and made me a third baseman. I owe my early training to him. Probably I should never have become a professional baseball player if it had not been for Herzog and a man named Preston Day. I was playing ball on an amateur team in Trappe, Md., where I was born, with little idea of adopting baseball as a profession. I like the game and played it continually during the season.

"At Ridgely, Md., they support a semi-professional ball club. This Mr. Day happened to see me play in two or three games and recommended me to Herzog, who was then managing the Ridgely team.

"Herzog sent for me. He offered me \$5 a week and my board. That \$5 sounded like a million to me. That was in 1908, and I was 19 years old.

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Golf: Advantages of the Open Stance

By "Straight Drive"

IT would be reasonable to suppose that the golfer, who should try to learn to drive by observing and copying the style of the best players, and a second, who should rely on books on instruction on the subject, would come by their different ways to much the same conclusions, says the London Times. It is more than likely, however, that there would, in fact, be a divergence between them on one material point—namely, the position of the right foot.

A glance at the players themselves, or a more leisurely examination of their photographs, shows that practically all the best drivers of today stand "open"—that is, with the right foot more or less in advance of the left. Yet, the student of his brain, after much puzzling of his brain, would probably come to the conclusion that it was his duty to adopt an attitude the exact converse of the open stance. His researches would not probably go further back than the Radminton Library, where he would find the learned author, after condemning the open stance on first principles, further declaring that the great majority of fine players stand with the right foot slightly in rear of the left, and that that position is recommended in the earlier golfing manuals of Mr. Chambers and Mr. Forgan.

The beliefs thus formed would be strengthened by Mr. Evarard, who, in 1886, stated that the majority of first-class golfers had the right foot in rear of the left—here the drawing change of fashion is visible—at any rate, square with it. Coming to more recent times, the learner would be terribly confused by Vardon's recommendation of an open stance, but he might gain ultimate peace of mind from the most modern of authors, Braid, who avers that the "square stance is easier to play with." Yet Braid would have been considered a heretic at the date of the publication

of the Radminton volume; for his stance, though it would now be called conspicuously square, is opposed to Mr. Hutchison's doctrine, since his right foot is very slightly indeed in front of his left.

Those doctrines, though founded on accurate observation at the time, are nowadays considered rather old-fashioned, but it is interesting to notice that at the date of their publication they were held to be, to some extent at least, novel. Sir Walter Simpson terms the open stance the "old" as opposed to the "modern" style, and declares that it was the best style only in the days when light clubs, feather balls and narrow courses made neatness and accuracy of greater importance than power. We are, therefore, confronted with the curious fact that in an age which is pre-eminently one of long driving and hard hitting, we have reverted to a style which was once dismissed as only suitable to the short and steady player.

There are, always, of course, exceptions to prove the rule, and Mr. John Ball and Jamie Allan were held to be fine players in spite of, rather than because of, their heretical tendencies; later on came J. G. Taylor, whose advent may be said to have caused a small revolution in the golfing world. His astonishing accuracy opened people's eyes to new possibilities in the matter of full shots played fearlessly up to the hole side, and his then markedly open stance no doubt brought that style into favor.



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